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and his Staff all the very best for today's game.

Good afternoon to you all and welcome to St.Andrews for today's game with Bolton Wanderers, a side who are currently four points ahead of us in the table.

Make no mistake today's game will be hard, as Bolton now only have interest in the League (apart from the Leyland/Daf Trophy, a competition which they won last season), having lost to Blackpool in the FA Cup and to Swindon Town in a third replay during the past seven days.

Our 1-0 win at Orient last Saturday was a great team effort and with a little more luck we could have had a more convincing scoreline. But the fact that we again went through a game without conceding a goal means that we have now had four clean sheets in our last five games.

The cup draw has given us another away tie, and while Colchester United are not in the best of positions in the Division Four table, they have a very good cup record and like ourselves will be striving to get through this round to get in the hat with a chance of a 'big' tie. - I will have to have a word or two from Roger Hansbury, as of course he had a brief loan spell at Layer Road a couple of months ago.

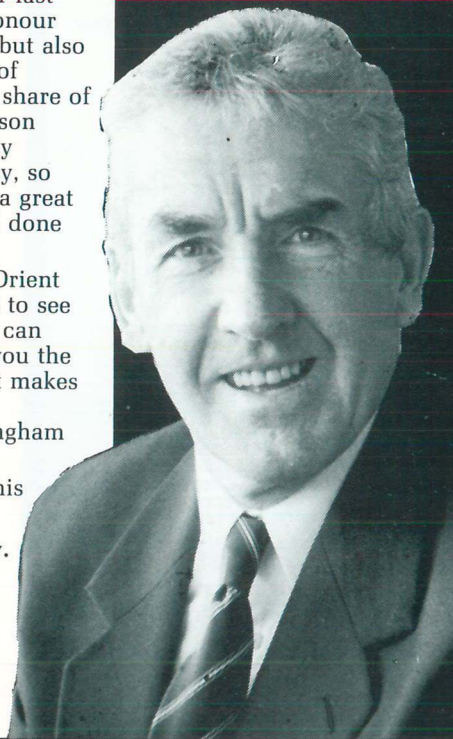
Dave Mackay

Before today's game Kevin Ashley will be presented with the Barclays Young Eagle Regional Award for last month. This is a honour not only for Kevin but also to the Club. Kevin of course has had his share of misfortune this season having only recently returned after injury, so this will indeed be a great boost for him...well done Kevin.

Your support at Orient last week was good to see and I hope that we can endeavour to give you the type of football that makes you proud to be a supporter of Birmingham City.

Enjoy the game this afternoon.

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Blues Commercial

Following yet another monumental Dinner, the demand for tickets for the next, 'mixed' affair is obviously enormous. What a star-studded evening Tuesday night proved to be. On the top-table, with our Chairman, Mr.Samesh Kumar (supporting a new 'trendy' haircut - obviously encouraged by the recent match at Leyton Orient, where the Chairman was mistaken for a player by the Hotel Staff, and directed to Dave Mackay's pre-match player's brief!!) was Mr.Michael Knighton (don't worry, the chairman is not selling) Duncan McKenzie, Guest Speaker, and footballing great, Frank Worthington a blues favourite and our own legend Dave Mackay. As Tom Ross indicated on the night, the mind 'boggles' if you consider what the valuation would be of these footballing greats.

I would like to thank all those who took part in this memorable evening, and particularly our lovely Hostesses, Patricia and Samantha - you looked lovely girls!

When I was invited by the Chairman and his Board of Directors to join the Blues as Commercial Manager, it was a very conscious decision to sever my ties at Manchester and commit myself wholly to Birmingham City.

Many people have asked me why I have taken up the position at Birmingham. The answer is simple.

I have known the Brothers for many years from their involvement at Manchester United, and I believe Ken Wheldon was right in his decision to sell the club to the Brothers. They are totally committed to the well being and progression of this great club.

I see my role as a real commercial challenge never seen before at St.Andrews.

Coming to this big city, not knowing any businessmen or supporters, taking on a Commercial Department that had very little files and correspondence from previous years, a football club that began its season in the Third Division for the first time ever and support that has dropped to its lowest ebb in the clubs history. **The challenge is on!**

The Marking drive has produced up to now a tremendous response, and figures are substantially up on last years figures.

In an endeavour to attract more Commercial business to St.Andrews I am looking to **all** supporters whether you be an Executive Member, Season Ticket Holder or Terrace Member to personally assist me in finding old Blue supporters and business people that used to frequent St.Andrews over the years.

If you can detail out those companies and supporters you know who still follow the 'Blues' althoughbeit from the armchair or Sports Argus, I shall personally make contact and go and see them.

As you are all aware the 'Blues' were regularly the largest supported team in the Midlands up to not many years ago.

We have a lot of support out there 'sitting on the fence', we want them back to assist the regulars in putting this great Club of ours back on the map.

My Chairman, Board of Directors and I are truly committed in revitalising this sleeping giant. Give me a ring or drop me a line with names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Frank Wilson, Commercial Manager.

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from the BOARDROOM

Ever wondered why you don't get to see the 'goals' from Stamford Bridge, the home of Chelsea, whilst we get all the other first division goals?

Chairman Ken Bates, so often branded the 'villain of the piece' by the media, is actually the Robin Hood of football! Mr Bates refuses to allow the ITV cameras to his ground, simply because he feels that the TV company is providing the lower regions of football clubs with a vastly unfair deal.

As a result of the threatened 'break - away' by the big 5 clubs:-(Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton, Spurs and Arsenal) the 'compromise' reached between the Football League and ITV in August 1988, gave the first division clubs 75% of the £11m (less some minor payments), with the second division and other members getting 12½% each.

The ITV argued that teams showed in live matches were chosen on merit/performance. Certainly difficult to argue that League Champions Arsenal (who received £835,625) should win the television competition yet, the second team in the TV money game were not Liverpool, who were League runners up and F.A. cup winners - but instead Manchester United, who had a particularly mediocre season.

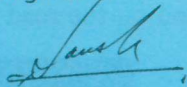
Further, you'd expect the next beneficiaries to be Norwich (who provided the closest title challenge most of the season) and Nottingham Forest (Littlewoods Cup Winners). But no, it was Spurs and Everton! Unfair indeed!!

Wimbledon have been equally vociferous along with Bates, with their Chairman Sam Hammam arguing that the lower regions urgently need the 'live' exposure to entice sponsors. TV would increase the value of players eg: the fees that Wimbledon received for Dave Beasant and Andy Thorn (result of their performance in 1988 cup final).

Whilst I am willing to accept the 'product' of the lower divisions is not generally as good as that of Liverpool, Arsenal and Manchester United, (mind you, did you see that awful boring game between Manchester United and Forest the other week - although the TV commentators tried to 'hype it up'), I would contest that the lower regions **need** the exposure merely to survive. We need a fairer redistribution. The big 5? if they did break away, how long would they survive? I ask their Chairman to consider their playing pool. Beardsley, Barnes, Houghton, Gascoigne, Winterburn, Bould, Ince, Pallister, Cottee Etc..... all came from the lower regions.

In common with another Ken I know, your not always understood, keep up the fight Mr.Bates.

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Chairman.

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BARCLAYS YOUNG EAGLE REGIONAL AWARD FOR THE MIDLANDS OCTOBER - KEVIN ASHLEY

Today Kevin Ashley will receive the Barclays Young Eagle Regional Award for the month of October from Mr Peter Monahan, a Director at Barclays Birmingham Regional Office.

This award, which will be made prior to the kick off, will be an inscribed salver and Kevin was nominated by Stan Cullis and endorsed by the panel chairman, Bobby Robson.

Stan Cullis' reported that Kevin was a product of the club's Youth Development Scheme occupying the number two spot in the first team. A player whose passing is one of the features of his game and whose attacking raids down the flank suggests a player who is fairly versatile.

Our picture of Kevin on this page, in action against Leyton Orient two weeks ago, endorses that report.

Kevin is however, one of the valuable clutch of home-grown young players who are currently making their mark in our team and on whom so many of our future hopes lie.

Born in Birmingham on the last day of 1968 when we were in the top half of Division Two with Ray Martin and Colin Green as our regular fullbacks and Phil Summerill, Jimmy Greenhoff and Fred Pickering were scoring most of our goals, Kevin graduated via a YTS

scheme to sign professional in December 1986 and to make his first team debut in the Second Division game against West Bromwich on April 12th, 1987. He played on the left flank of the defence then with Brian Roberts on the right, but then for the next game (a goalless draw at Plymouth) he swopped to the right flank with Julian Dicks on the left and this partnership was retained for the last six games of that season.

The arrival of Ray Ranson limited his appearances in 1987/88 to just one substitute appearance for Ray Ranson in the course of the 3-0 home defeat by Manchester City in April 1988, but last season he made 15 appearances, most of

them in the course of a substantial spell just after Ray Ranson's move to Newcastle.

Kevin has of course been the regular occupant of our number two shirt this season and is scheduled to play his 43rd first team game today. It is good to see us currently served by two home grown fullbacks, Kevin not yet 21 and John Friar 21 last month to remind older fans of that magnificent pairing of teenage fullbacks Cyril Trigg and Billy Hughes just before the war. Though one of the smallest players on our books Kevin is proving once again that it's quality that counts.

Well done Kevin, lets hope it's the start of many awards for our players.





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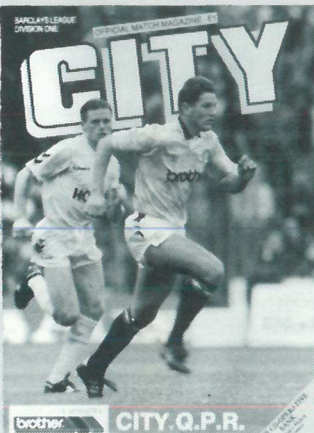
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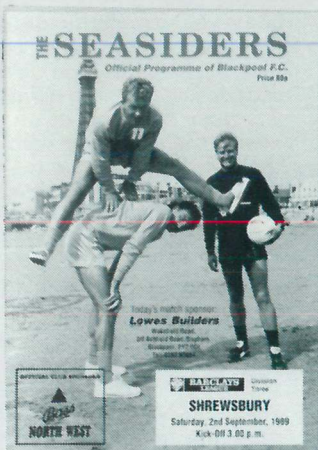
Manchester City v QPR. The City's programme has reverted to the large page size for their return to the First Division, at £1.00 it contains 32 pages, 7 of which contain advertisements. The front cover has a colour action photograph from the last home game. Inside we start with two pages of Club News. City Profile of Paul Cooper covers two pages, one of background, another a colour action photograph. First Impressions is a page looking at the previous weeks First Division games. City Talk is a very good sized column of small print from Manager Mel Machin with a colour photograph of him alongside. Looking Back goes 5.10 & 20 years ago and includes a colour photo from the 1979 game v Sheffield Wednesday. The Captains Diary by Brian Gayle



covers a page looking at the previous weeks behind the scenes at Maine Road with a photograph of him and an action shot both in colour. Then there are three pages of colour action photographs from the last home game. In Reserve comes from Tony Book and introduces the new YTS lads, a match report, fixtures, an action colour photograph and one of Tony Book. The middle two pages contain a colour action photograph of Paul Lake and has career details in a box alongside the photograph. Opposite View is a page long interview with Trevor Francis boss of visitors Queens Park Rangers giving his views on his own side, City, his career, an interesting page with a colour photograph. The main section of two pages has a colour team photograph. 10 year record, pen pictures, form guide a profile of new man Paul Wright and a colour photograph from a previous game. Statistics get two pages including table, league attendances, travel details. Theres a Puzzle page. Club News gets another 1/2 page including that former City man Polish international Kazio Deyna died in a car crash in USA recently. Supporters Club News gets 1/2 page, finally the team lineups are on the back page. City is traditionally a good programme and both colour and reading content are very good once again. Internally theres good use of spot colour to brighten things I expect this to be one of the better First Division issues.

Swansea City met Northampton Town in August. The programme contained 24 pages for 70p. It containing advertisements. The front cover is a colour photograph of a player on the pitch with the impressive stand behind one goal in the background. Manager Ian Evans starts things off with a small column. Player Profile is a small item which asks Robbie James to recall his league debut. Club news covers the rest of the page. Northampton get 1 1/2 pages of history, pen pictures and black and white team photographs. David Farmer writes his 1/2 page of previous meetings. Spotlight on Reserves & Youth gets a page of lineups, fixtures etc. plus a profile of the referee. Statistics have two pages but printed over one of them is an advertisements. A black and white team photograph covers 1/2 page, and another black and white photograph shows players with the Welsh Cup. Letters to

the Editor covers 1/2 page, there are two black and white action photographs. Radio Vetch has a small column, again this is a general column. The teams are on the back page. This is the shortest review I've done this season, solely because theres hardly anything to review in it. Even at 30p this issue would struggle to be value for money let along 70p. If there are any others as bad as this in Division Three I would be most surprised.



Blackpool v Shrewsbury saw a 32 large pager for 80p. 14 containing advertisements. The front cover shows the Manager and 2 players playing leapfrog on the beach with the Tower in the background, which will be standard for the season. Manager Jimmy Mullen has a small uninspiring column. Around Theres a good look at the Division's clubs and results. Visitors Shrewsbury get two pages of pen pictures, recent history and a black and white team photograph. 4 black and white photographs cover 2 pages, and Memory Lane looks back to the start of 1969 season and looks at results, nationwide as well as those of Blackpool. Community Notes is a small section. In Reserve has three match reports from the A Team and Reserves. Were You There, looks at the Manx Cup game against to Rochdale and looks at all aspects of the trip from admission, cost, conduct of Police & Stewards, conduct of fans etc, interesting Club Call looks at England's chances in Sweden. Business Matters is commercial news covering a page.

The teams are in the middle two pages bordered with advertisements. Statistics for both First & Reserves teams get a page each. The Division Three table, Central League table and this seasons Lancashire League results and fixtures together with a flashback 5.10 & 15 years all share a page. The Supporters Club have their own page. North West Scene looks at Bury & Chester City and the Barclays Bulletin gets 1/2 page.

Amateur Scene looks at local junior football. Club Diary Charts the events from 1st August to 18th August. Thats about it. Another programme that has improved from last season after a couple of seasons of mediocrity. A step in the right direction for the Seasideers.

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Looking at Current Results

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Meanwhile Telford United went down 3-0 at home to Walsall, the first time they had lost a third round tie for exactly 20 years when they went down by a similar score to Bristol Rovers. And talking of Rovers they are still currently battling with Reading in a bid for a second round tie against Gillingham or Welling. This has so far gone to two replays and it is interesting to note that despite their success this season Rovers have so far drawn three times with Reading, once in Division Three and twice in the F.A.Cup.

Two promotion candidates battled it out in the F.A.Cup on Saturday and Tuesday with Rotherham winning through at Gigg Lane where they had forced a draw in September in a Third Division game. It is interesting to note that Tuesday's gate of 5,009 was almost 2,000 more than for the league game. Rotherham now go to Walsall in round two.

Whilst we improved on our Third Division draw with Orient by beating them in the F.A.Cup Preston achieved an even more dramatic improvement in their tussle with Tranmere, beating them 1-0 to give them full revenge for defeats in both legs of their Littlewoods Cup-tie at the start of the season.

In general Third Division clubs did

not fare particularly well against Fourth Division opposition with Shrewsbury beaten at home by Chesterfield, and Brentford beaten at home by Colchester while Notts County lost at Doncaster and Fulham earned a replay with Bath though short shrift was in general given to non-league opposition with Bristol City beating Barnet, Cardiff beating Halesowen (albeit with a disputed penalty) Crewe beating Congleton, Swansea winning at Kidderminster, and Chester beating Macclesfield after a replay.

There were 11,238 at Swindon on Tuesday to see today's visitors Bolton go down to a Ross McLaren goal two minutes from the end of extra time after defender Mark Came had earlier levelled things up after Steve White had put Swindon ahead. The gate of 11,228 was almost 3,000 more than for the first game between the clubs at Swindon and a new Littlewoods Cup record was set up by the fact that the tie lasted 450 minutes.

Thoughts that the Zenith Data competition was a non-starter as far as gates are concerned were qualified by the fact that over 30,000 saw the Sheffield derby on Tuesday with Wednesday beating United 3-2 with a John Sheridan extra time goal.

Not quite as many were at Ipswich (5,078 in fact) to see the home side beat Watford 4-1 in the same competition with former Bristol Rovers striker Gary Penrice opening his Watford account.

Our pending cup-tie with Colchester United will bring back memories to some of our supporters of the previous cup meeting with them in the League Cup encounters of September 1970, when in a second round tie we drew at Colchester 1-1 when Phil Summerhill was our scorer and then we won 2-1 here at St.Andrews when Phil scored again to add to the other goal scored by Geoff Vowden.

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● TICKET ARRANGEMENTS

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F.A. CUP ROUND 2

Colchester United v Blues.

On Saturday 9th December 1989.

Kick-off 3.00pm.

Ticket prices - Terrace Standing £4.00.
Seats - £6.00 (Limited number available).

Coach Fare £8.00. and £7.50 for
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Tickets for the above matches are now on
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● CONGRATULATIONS ON A NEW ARRIVAL

Executive Box Holders Bissell Upholstery
Alan & Helen Bissell have just had an
addition to their family - Helen has just had
baby girl 7lb 1oz and they are calling her
Helen.

Many congratulations - Alan tells us he
will book his daughter as a Blues Mascot
sooner even than she can walk.

● OUR VIDEO'S ARE GREAT

"Birmingham City F.C. wish to thank
Roy Nicol Video Productions, Manchester
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● OUR SUPPORTERS FROM NORWAY

Pictured we show a group
of Blues' supporters from Norway
presenting Martin Thomas with their Player
of the Year Award for 1989. They are
Bjorn, Mona and Hendrik and this was
their 35th visit to St. Andrews and we
certainly welcomed their attendance for
the game with Leyton Orient.



Pictured above we see our mascot for our game with
Leyton Orient, Christopher Norris at the centre circle lineup
prior to the game.



Ian Atkins presents the matchball to our sponsor for
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In the Executive Gold Club

It was a busy time for our Man of the Match, Ian Atkins after the Leyton Orient game two weeks ago in the Executive Gold Club.

He was firstly presented with his award by Gold Club member Don Stanton (top left) and then in turn he presented Mark Rutherford with awards for being the Blues' Youth Player for October.

Next was a presentation of an autographed ball to (right) Pia Persson the daughter of one of our Match Sponsors that day, Trelleborg. He also presented another autographed ball to David Hill (left) the son of Roy Hill who were our Matchball Sponsors. Their guests are also pictured below. The bottom picture shows a group of our Match Sponsors for that game with Ian having a welcomed rest.



BLUES MEMORIES

BLUES' HISTORY SEASON BY SEASON 1914/15

This was rather an unreal season with League Football continuing as well as it could despite the outbreak of the First World War. We in fact had quite a useful season, climbing from fourteenth to sixth in Division Two and battling our way through two F.A. Cup replays. Attendances were inevitably down by almost 6,000 to an average of 11,315.

DIVISION TWO

Sept	2	Notts Forest	A	1-1
	5	Leicester Fosse	A	0-1
	12	Burnley	H	2-0
	19	Glossop	A	3-3
	26	Wolves	H	1-2
Oct	3	Fulham	A	3-2
	10	Stockport County	H	0-1
	17	Hull City	A	0-0
	24	Leeds City	H	6-3
	31	Clapton Orient	A	1-1
Nov	7	Arsenal	H	3-0
	14	Derby County	A	0-1
	21	Lincoln City	H	2-0
	28	Blackpool	H	3-0
Dec	5	Grimsby Town	A	0-1
	12	Huddersfield Town	H	1-0
	19	Bristol City	A	3-2
	25	Bury	H	1-0
	26	Bury	A	3-1
	28	Notts Forest	H	3-0
Jan	2	Leicester Fosse	H	2-0
	6	Glossop North End	H	11-1
Feb	13	Stockport County	A	1-3
	27	Leeds City	A	0-2
March	1	Fulham	H	1-0
	6	Clapton Orient	H	1-0
	8	Barnsley	A	1-2
	13	Arsenal	A	0-1
	20	Derby County	H	0-2
	24	Hull City	H	2-2
	27	Lincoln City	A	1-0
April	2	Preston North End	A	0-2
	5	Preston North End	H	1-1
	10	Grimsby Town	H	3-0
	14	Blackpool	A	1-3
	17	Huddersfield Town	A	0-0
	19	Wolves	A	0-0
	24	Bristol City	H	1-1

FA CUP

Jan	9	Rd 1, Crystal Palace	H	2-2
	16	Replay, Crystal Palace (played at St Andrews)	A	3-0
	30	Rd 2, Brighton	A	0-0
Feb	6	Replay, Brighton	H	3-0
	20	Rd 3, Oldham	H	2-3

APPEARANCES

Robb WR 38; Gibson A 38; Barton PH 37; Womack F 37; Ball W 36; Smith AW 30; Tinkler A 29; Windridge JE 26; Eyre E 23; Smith W 21; Roulson J 21; Bumphrey J 18; Hodges FC 17; Spragg C 9; Morgan WA 8; Gardner AE 6; Walker WB 5; Hall JH 4; McClure A 4; Duncan C 4; Reed A 3; Stanton A 2; Edwards EA 2.

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Derby County	38	23	7	8	71	33	53
Preston North End	38	20	10	8	61	42	50
Barnsley	38	22	3	13	51	51	47
Wolves	38	19	7	12	77	52	45
Arsenal	38	19	5	14	69	41	43
Birmingham	38	17	9	12	62	39	43
Hull City	38	19	5	14	65	54	43
Huddersfield Town	38	17	8	13	61	42	42
Clapton Orient	38	16	9	13	50	48	41
Blackpool	38	17	5	16	58	57	39
Bury	38	15	8	15	61	56	38
Fulham	38	15	7	16	53	47	37
Bristol City	38	15	7	16	62	56	37
Stockport County	38	15	7	16	54	60	37
Leeds City	38	14	4	20	65	64	32
Lincoln City	38	11	9	18	46	65	31
Grimsby Town	38	11	9	18	48	76	31
Notts Forest	38	10	9	19	43	77	29
Leicester Fosse	38	10	4	24	47	88	24
Glossop North End	38	6	6	26	31	87	18

GOALSCORERS

Smith 21; Windridge 11; Gibson 10; Roulson 4; Barton 4; Hodges 3; Smith 3; Eyre 2; Tinkler 1; Morgan 1; Reed 1; Duncan 1.

MEMORABLE MATCHES

BIRMINGHAM v BOLTON

October 26th, 1957

Just three days after a Fairs Cup win over Barcelona we entertained Bolton Wanderers on October 26th, 1957 at a time when we were several places behind them in the mid-part of Division One. We were a goal down after just 25 seconds when Ray Parry cracked the ball home after a throw-in had been deflected off Trevor Smith, but almost immediately we broke away for Brian Orritt to equalise.

After 30 minutes Johnny Watts gave us the lead following a Gordon Astall corner and by half-time it was 4-1 as first Eddie Brown scored with a spectacular shot and then Peter Murphy netted a penalty after Dick Neal had been brought down by England goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson.

Just a minute after half-time Eddie Brown made it 5-1 with a backheeler from close range and it seemed at this stage that we should go on to one of our biggest-ever wins.

Nat Lofthouse and Ray Parry took some of the pressure off the defence however as they launched several counter-attacks in the second half while John Higgins stood firm in defence under heavy Blues pressure. There was therefore no further scoring but contemporary reports spoke of this being Blues at their very best with speed, confidence and method. All this was despite the fact that we were fielding two 'reserves' in that Johnny Schofield was deputising for Gil Merrick and Ken Green for Jeff Hall.

BIRMINGHAM: Schofield; Farmer; Green; Larkin; Smith; Watts; Astall; Orritt; Brown; Neal; Murphy.

BOLTON: Hopkinson; Hartle; Banks; Hennis; Higgins; Edwards; Holden; Stevens; Lofthouse; Parry; Riley.

Attendance: 26,225.

Milestones, Records & History

PLAYED FOR BOTH SIDES

GORDON TAYLOR

Now best known as secretary of the Professional Footballers Association and a highly respected figure in the game, Gordon Taylor was also a fine winger who gave great service to both of today's teams.

Born at Ashton, Manchester, in 1944 Gordon scored 97 goals in a season as a schoolboy, joined Bolton virtually straight from school and made his first team debut in a First Division game against Wolves at Molineux in March 1963. He played in every game in 1964/65 when Bolton just missed promotion to Division One and by the time he came to us for £18,000 in December 1970 he had played 286 games and had scored 46 goals.

He made his debut for us against Carlisle in a game in which Trevor Francis got our matchwinner and Gordon himself netted in his next home game against Bristol City. He helped us to promotion from Division Two in 1972 and played in the F.A.Cup semi-finals of both 1972 and 1975. He frequently partnered Bob Hatton on the left flank of our attack and other members of our side that finished in tenth place in 1972/73 were Bob and Dave Latchford, Kenny Burns and Garry Pendrey.

After 203 games and 10 goals for us he moved to Blackburn in March 1976, then spent a season with Vancouver Whitecaps and two seasons with Bury. He hung up his boots with a total of 622 games and 65 goals behind him. It was while at Bury he joined the PFA committee and he became secretary of that body in 1981. He was a major figure in preventing the breakaway 'Super League' in 1988 and he is respected by the F.A., the Football League and players alike.

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Pictured above is the Tilton Road School Champions who in 1956 were joint holders of the Birmingham Junior Schools Football Challenge Shield. They drew, after extra time, with Wattville Road and were pictured in the "Sunday Mercury" dated May 6th 1956.

Listed back row are B.Smith, D.Cooke, P.Lewis, K.Avery, M.Farrall, D.Wall. Front row are R.Stokes, L.Robinson, B.Scott, A.Short, G.Scott, and standing at the back are gamesmaster K.Wadsworth and headmaster C.H.M.Watson.

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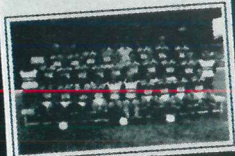
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Back Track

On the day of the First Round F.A.Cup-ties we lost 4-0 at Everton on November 14th, 1959 with Alan Shackleton getting a hat-trick and Jimmy Harris (later to join us) the other goal. To add to our problems Johnny Watts was ordered off early in the second half as Everton showed no ill effects of their 8-2 defeat at Newcastle a week earlier.

EVERTON: Dunlop; Parker; Jones; Labone; Harris(B); Harris(J); Thomas; Shackleton; Collins; Laverick;

BIRMINGHAM: Schofield; Farmer; Allen; Watts; Smith; Larkin; Hellawell; Gordon; Stubbs; Orritt; Hooper.

Attendance: 19,172.

We were now next to Luton at the bottom of Division One while our opponents today, Bolton Wanderers lost 1-0 at Preston in Division One with 28,723 attending the game. At the same time Aston Villa beat Charlton 11-1 in Division Two, Gerry Hitchens getting five of their goals while in the F.A.Cup Bath beat Millwall 3-1 and South Shields beat Chesterfield 2-1.

We went down 4-1 at Preston on November 15th, 1969, Tony Hateley getting a consolation goal in the 81st minute after North End had built up a 4-0 lead in the first half with an own goal from Trevor Hockey, two goals from Willie Irvine and a goal from Frank Lee.

PRESTON: Kelly; Ross; Ritchie; Heppollette; Hawkins; McNab; Wilson; Spavin; Irvine; Germill; Lee.

BIRMINGHAM: Herriott; Martin; Thomson; Beard; Robinson; Pendry; Murray; Vowden; Hateley; Hockey; Vincent.

Attendance: 9,642.

We were now in mid-table in Division Two while Bolton again lost 1-0 at Norwich City with former Walsall goalkeeper Alan Boswell and John Byron in their side. In FA Cup games at that time, Brentwood beat Reading 1-0, Tamworth beat Torquay 2-1 and in a game between two non-league clubs Hillingdon beat Wimbledon 2-0.

November 24th, 1979 saw us winning 3-2 at Luton with a Keith Bertschin hat-trick to strengthen our grip on sixth place in Division Two.

LUTON: Findlay; Stephens; Donaghy; Grealish; Saxby; Price; Hill; West; Stein; Hatton; Moss.

BIRMINGHAM: Wealands; Lees; Dennis; Curbishley; Gallagher; Todd; Lynes; Towers; Bertschin; Dillon; Johnston.

Attendance: 13,720.

Bolton lost yet again to that same 1-0 scoreline, this time at Stoke City and they had former Blues' man Neil Watmore and Alan Gowling in the lineup in a side that were bottom of Division One. Meanwhile in the first round F.A.Cup-ties played on the same day Barking put out Oxford United and Altrincham put out Crewe. In Scotland George Best scored on his debut for Hibernian, but they went down 2-1 at St.Mirren.

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BLUES' PROGRAMMES

BIRMINGHAM v BOLTON - March 5th, 1949.

We look back over 40 years today to our first season back in Division One after the war. The brief notes in the twopenny foldover programme refer to our win over Charlton a week earlier, the injury sustained by Cyril Trigg in the process, Bolton's 5-0 defeat at Highbury and the recent marriages of three of our players, Johnny Berry, Martin McDonnell and Jack Goodwin.

The game itself was not anything to write home about, ending in a goalless draw as we failed to score for the sixth time in eight games and Bolton drew a blank for the fifth time in six games. 20,730 were here to see it happen.

Geoff Allman.

Following the example of John Berry and Martin McDonnell, Jack Goodwin last Monday joined the ranks of "happily" married men. Jack was married to Miss Nancy Hallett, of Red Castle Farm, Suckley, in the Village Church at Suckley. A number of "Blues," Vila and Albion players were present. We are sure that our supporters will join with us in wishing Jack and his wife every happiness in their new venture.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th, 1949

PRICE TWOPENCE

THE "BLUES" NEWS

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF THE BIRMINGHAM CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

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"Blues Official News"

Congratulations "Blues"! The win against Charlton last Saturday was deserved and but for the unfortunate injury sustained by Cyril Trigg, the margin of victory might easily have been more marked. During the first 45 minutes, in spite of a gusty wind blowing against our lads the play was mostly in the visitors' half. At that time we saw the wind play many tricks with the ball and had it not been for this fact we think our supremacy must have brought its rightful results before the resumption. This success was all the more pleasing because we beat a resourceful and dangerous side. In the Charlton defence Phipps and Lock took our eye and our opponents' forwards were bustling and eager to shoot. Great work "Blues"! Keep it up.

We welcome Bolton Wanderers to-day. The Bolton lads were unfortunate enough to sustain a 5-nil defeat at Highbury last week. No doubt they will be hoping to redeem themselves to-day at St. Andrew's, and as both teams can ill afford to drop points, there will be a great deal of interest in the outcome of this match.

On Wednesday next, 9th March, the Annual Charity Fixture between the Police and City Transport is to be again staged at St. Andrew's, kick-off 3 p.m. For those who are free to come along this should be an attractive match. Admission will be Terraces 6d. (Cattell Road only); Seats 1/- (St. Andrew's Street only).

The Railway Authorities have arranged an excursion to Liverpool on Saturday next for those desirous of seeing our match at Anfield. A train leaves New Street at 11-5 a.m., and reaches Liverpool (Lime St.) at 1-35 p.m. The return train leaves Liverpool (Lime St.) at 6-25 p.m. The fare is 10/6 (return).

We wish a speedy recovery to both Cyril Trigg and Fred Hall. We trust they will soon return none the worse for their very unfortunate injuries.

Those supporters requiring seats for the St. Andrew's home games please note:—

Match v. Portsmouth—18th April. Messrs. Dillinghams commence booking 7th March. Match v. Aston Villa—30th April. Messrs. Dillinghams commence booking 21st March.

FROM MANAGER BROCKLEBANK TO "BLUES" SUPPORTERS

The victory against Charlton, a team occupying a prominent position in the League table and who play good football, must have been encouraging to you all, and that vital goal received its just reward judging by your response. We shall be seeking more! I must tell you how much I appreciate your reply to my appeal to encourage our lads, and you saw for yourselves the effect on the players. Goals only come from methodical fast open play with the ability to finish a move by hitting the target and that was the difference in our play against Charlton. It was remarkable that after mentioning a team with a man short pulls out that extra bit, our Players did so on Saturday, but at the same time our sympathy goes to Cyril Trigg who sustained a knee injury early in

the second half. Had it have been advisable, Cyril would have returned to the field of play—a true reflection of the team spirit which exists, a most important asset to any Club.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

Kick-off 3 p.m.

RIGHT BIRMINGHAM CITY LEFT

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|-------------|---------------|
| (1) MERRICK | (3) JENNINGS |
| (2) GREEN | (4) BOYD |
| (4) BADHAM | (5) DUCKHOUSE |
| (8) STEWART | (10) HARRIS |
| (7) BERRY | (9) DAILEY |
| | (11) ROBERTS |

Referee:
Mr. G. TUDOR (Notes)



Linesmen:
Mr. H. W. Pickard (Blue)
Mr. R. H. Mann (Red)

- | | | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| (11) McSHANE | (9) LOFTHOUSE | (7) WOODWARD |
| (10) BRADLEY | (8) MOIR | |
| (6) MURPHY | (5) GILLIES | (4) HOWE |
| (3) BANKS | (2) ROBERTS | |
| | (1) ELVY | |

LEFT

BOLTON WANDERERS

RIGHT

LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Portsmouth	29	16	5	8	52	27	40
Newcastle United	29	14	6	9	51	36	37
Arsenal	30	14	9	7	57	33	35
Derby County	28	14	7	7	46	40	35
Charlton Athletic	30	12	8	10	49	44	34
Manchester United	27	12	6	9	52	28	33
Stoke City	29	13	9	7	51	43	33
Manchester City	30	11	8	11	39	40	33
Wolverhampton W.	28	12	10	6	55	35	30
Bolton Wanderers	29	12	5	10	40	50	29
Blackpool	30	9	10	11	43	47	29
Liverpool	28	8	8	12	36	28	28
Birmingham City	30	9	11	10	28	25	28
Burnley	30	10	12	8	36	39	28
Sunderland	29	9	10	10	36	46	28
Everton	30	10	14	6	25	49	26
Chelsea	29	10	15	4	43	65	24
Aston Villa	29	8	14	7	44	58	23
Sheffield United	29	7	15	7	29	39	21
Huddersfield Town	28	6	16	7	47	61	21
Preston North End	28	6	14	8	27	50	20




GOAL SCORERS:

Stewart 5, Trigg 5, Garrett 5, Bodie 2, Harris 2, Dougal, Hall and Roberts 1 each. Opponents: o.g. 1.

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It throws up some fascinating details - Peter Shilton is now in his 25th season in the Football League while Tommy Hutchison has a similar record except that he had three seasons in the Scottish League. John Burridge has played for 10 different Football League clubs, Steve Ogrizovic was an ever-present for six successive seasons while Vince O'Keefe who was with Birmingham and Walsall without playing a first team game has kept goal for five different teams since.

There is something for everyone here though it would be even better if cup appearances were also included - one has to go to the Barclays Football League Directory for them - and it doesn't fit into the pocket like this 373-page handbook does.

IN THE POST

S.R.Cowling from Sutton Coldfield writes:
Dear Sir,

You asked in the Northampton Programme to write to say if anyone had any complaints. I have not a complaint as such but a request. The programme is almost perfect, one of the best, but to make it the best it needs to print the Division's Top Scorers, a fans letters page, and it would be nice to see a run down or a list of players of the season. Also you keep mentioning the Executive Club but never mention the Supporters Club. The Kit Sponsorship page is too big and a waste of space.

Well first thank you for your letter, while we have received many 'pats on the back' for the programme content this season, we don't get too many put them into print - hence no letters page and in many, many cases the Chairman answers letters direct. The Kit Sponsorship is not a waste of space, it brings in valuable revenue for the Club and also gives the Player content that you are requesting, which will be enlarged during the season by giving interviews with the players. We have published, at times, information from the Supporters Club, and hope to do so when more improvements are finalised in the club room. Again thank you, more please
Don Stanton - Publisher.

Reserves & Youth

Saturday, 4th November 1989

Purity Youth League.

Birmingham City Youth 1 Walsall Youth 1.

A very useful looking Blues side convincingly beat our near neighbours, Walsall at Elmdon.

Walsall started well and in the seventh minute a corner by Beckett was easily saved by Dean Williams. In the eleventh minute Blues opened the scoring when from a pass by Francis, Rutherford fired into the net from the edge of the area, in the 17th minute Walsall's Knight was just wide with a shot from 25 yards. In the 24th minute, Rutherford centred for Foy whose shot was turned away for a corner by Jimmy Williams. Three minutes later Foy was again denied when Bryant turned away his shot for a corner. A minute later Blues increased their lead when Cooke hesitated when running for a loose ball allowing Rutherford to cross the ball to Rhodes who fired into the empty net from 8 yards.

In the 39th minute Blues almost scored a third, when from a good run by Francis, Rhodes shoots from six yards producing a good stop, with his feet, by the Saddlers' 'keeper Cooke. Blues were now well on top and two minutes later Rutherford shot just over the bar from 8 yards and a minute later Rhodes crossed to Francis whose diving header was straight at Cooke. In the final minute of the half a free kick by Alan Cooke was headed into the net by Larkins who out jumped Paul Cooke in the Walsall goal.

Walsall started the second half well and in the 52nd minute a Millen shot from 18 yards was saved by Williams. In the 63rd minute Rutherford was just over the bar from a cross by Francis. A further cross by Francis two minutes later fell to Rhodes whose shot from 6 yards out was palmed back to him, by Williams in the Walsall goal, for him to shoot over the bar. Blues were now on top again and a minute later Foy dribbled through and shot from the edge of the area straight at Williams. A minute later Williams made a good save, just beating Rutherford to the ball at the edge of the area.

Walsall were now coming back into the match and in the 73rd minute a shot by Millen was cleared by Cooke. In the 80th minute Walsall scored when Preece crossed to Dean who played the ball to Beckett to score from 5 yards. A minute later Blues scored their fourth when a backpass by Knight failed to reach the Saddlers' substitute 'keeper, Williams and Rhodes ran in to score in the empty net. In the 85th minute a Beckett shot from 10 yards was palmed away by Dean Williams to Dean who shot just over the bar. In the 87th minute Foy after a 40 yard run played the ball to Dale whose shot was just wide for the final chance of the match.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: Williams D; Naylor, Cooke A(Duff); Thorpe; Larkins; Harrison; Francis; Foy; Rhodes; Dale; Rutherford(Devery).

WALSALL: Cooke P(Williams); McCall(Badham); Knight; Millen; Williams J; Bryant; Preece; Dean; Ayres; Sweeney; Beckett.

Michael Cheadle and Robert Shinfield are our reporters.

MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby County	13	11	0	2	33	11	33
Leicester City	14	10	1	3	32	13	31
Birmingham City	13	9	1	3	29	14	28
Coventry City	14	8	3	3	27	11	27
Notts County	14	8	2	4	37	18	26
Aston Villa	14	7	4	3	32	26	25
Notts Forest	11	7	1	3	15	11	22
Shrewsbury Town	13	7	1	5	22	20	19
West Bromwich Albion	14	4	4	6	21	22	16
Manfield Town	14	4	4	6	10	24	16
Stoke City	14	4	4	6	12	23	16
Wolverhampton	14	3	5	6	20	27	14
Port Vale	12	3	2	7	23	27	11
Chesterfield	13	3	2	8	24	33	11
Walsall	13	1	1	11	9	33	4
Peterborough Utd	14	0	3	11	10	43	3

Fixtures

Fixtures														1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
	Score	L Pos	Att																							
AUGUST																										
14 CREMEX ALEXANDRA	3-0	10,417	Thomas	Carlson	Frain	Adkins	Sproson	Mathewson	Peer	Bailey	Yates	Langleigh	Sturridge	Hopkins	Overson	Hopkins	Yates	Gordon	Fox							
25 CHESTERFIELD C.R. 11	2-1	6,722	Thomas	Carlson	Frain	Adkins	Sproson	Mathewson	Peer	Bailey	Yates	Langleigh	Sturridge	Hopkins	Overson	Hopkins	Yates	Gordon								
26 BRISTOL CITY	0-1	10	8,936	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Sproson	Overson	Peer	Bailey	Gordon	Frain	Sturridge	Yates	Carlson	Yates										
29 CHESTERFIELD C.R. 12	1-1	10	3,313	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Sproson	Overson	Peer	Bailey	Gordon	Frain	Sturridge	Yates	Carlson	Hopkins										
SEPTEMBER																										
23 SWANSEA CITY	2-0	5	8,071	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Sproson	Overson	Peer	Bailey	Gordon	Frain	Hopkins	Yates	Carlson	Yates										
9 SHREWSBURY TOWN	0-2	10	4,714	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Sproson	Overson	Peer	Bailey	Yates	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Carlson	Yates										
16 TRAFFORD ROVERS	2-1	9	8,904	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Sproson	Overson	Peer	Bailey	Gordon	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Carlson	Tait										
19 WEST HAM UNITED L.C. Rd 2 IL	1-2	10,367	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Adkins	Sproson	Overson	Peer	Bailey	Gordon	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Carlson	Sturridge										
23 BURNFELD	1-0	4	5,366	Hansbury	Ashley	Mathewson	Adkins	Sproson	Peer	Bailey	Gordon	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Carlson	Tait										
28 WALSALL	2-0	3	10,834	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Adkins	Sproson	Peer	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Carlson	Tait										
30 BLACKPOOL	2-3	3	5,737	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Sproson	Overson	Peer	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Carlson	Tait										
OCTOBER																										
4 West Ham United L.C. Rd 2 IL	1-1	12,187	Thomas	Ashley	Mathewson	Adkins	Sproson	Overson	Tait	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Peer	Roberts										
7 Rotherham United	1-5	8	4,450	Thomas	Ashley	Roberts	Sproson	Mathewson	Sturridge	Bailey	Gordon	Gleghorn	Hopkins	Hopkins	Peer	Roberts										
14 NORTHAMPTON TOWN	4-0	5	8,731	Thomas	Roberts	Frain	Sproson	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Gordon	Gleghorn2	Sturridge	Deakin	Peer	Deakin										
17 Chester City	0-4	9	1,862	Thomas	Roberts	Frain	Adkins	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Tait	Deakin	Deakin	Peer	Peer	Peer										
21 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	1-1	7,351	Thomas	Ashley	Frain	Adkins	Sproson	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Gordon	Deakin	Deakin	Gordon										
28 BURY	0-0	11	3,363	Thomas	Ashley	Adkins	Carlson	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Yates	Deakin	Deakin	Peer										
31 CARDIFF CITY	1-1	10	7,468	Thomas	Carlson	Frain	Adkins	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Deakin	Deakin	Yates	Peer										
NOVEMBER																										
4 Reading	0-0	20	3,527	Thomas	Peer	Adkins	Carlson	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Langleigh	Deakin	Deakin	Yates										
11 LEYTON ORIENT	0-0	10	7,491	Thomas	Ashley	Frain	Adkins	Deakin	Bel	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Langleigh	Deakin	Deakin	Yates										
18 LEYTON ORIENT FAC Rd 1	1-0	4,363	Thomas	Ashley	Frain	Adkins	Carlson	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Langleigh	Deakin	Deakin	Yates										
20 BURNLEY WANDERERS	1-0	4,363	Thomas	Ashley	Frain	Adkins	Carlson	Mathewson	Bel	Bailey	Sturridge	Gleghorn	Langleigh	Deakin	Deakin	Yates										

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BOLTON WANDERERS THIS SEASON'S LEAGUE RESULTS

Bolton 0 Fulham 0
Bolton 0 Swansea City 0
Bolton 1 Bristol Rovers 0
Bolton 1 Chester City 0
Bolton 1 Mansfield Town 1
Bolton 1 Walsall 1
Bolton 2 Orient 1
Bolton 3 Wigan Athletic 2
Brentford 1 Bolton 2
Bristol City 1 Bolton 1
Cardiff City 0 Bolton 2
Crewe Alexandra 2 Bolton 2
Huddersfield Town 1 Bolton 1
Notts County 2 Bolton 1
Preston North End 1 Bolton 4
Rotherham United 1 Bolton 0

DECEMBER
 1 Wigan Athletic
 9 Colchester United FA Cup Round Two
 12 Hереford UNITED Ley-Daf
 15 Wigan Athletic
 16 Preston NORTH END
 26 Bristol Rovers KO.12.30pm
 30 Norths County
JANUARY 1980
 1 Fulham
 6 Marshfield Town FA Cup Round 3
 13 Bristol CITY
 20 Crayke Alexandra
 21 Doncaster
 27 SHEFFSWORTH TOWN FA Cup Round 4
FEBRUARY
 3 Brentford
 9 Tranmere Rovers
 13 Swindon City
 17 Wigan ATHLETIC FA Cup Round 5
 24 Bolton Wanderers
MARCH
 3 Mansfield TOWN
 6 Blackpool
 10 Walsall FA Cup Round 6
 17 Rotherham UNITED
 20 Northampton Town
 24 Chester CITY
 31 Huddersfield Town
APRIL
 10 Burnley FA Cup SF
 10 Cardiff City
 14 Fulham
 16 Bristol Rovers
 21 Preston North End
 24 Notts COUNTY

MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE

Wed	23-BURY	AUGUST	2:1	Fox, Harris
Wed	30-WALSALL		1:2	Hopkins
SEPTEMBER				
Wed	13-Chester City		1:1	Tait
Wed	18-CHESTERFIELD		2:0	Frain, Morris
Mon	18-Halifax Town		5:1	Shepstone 2, Shurridge, Yates, Tait
Mon	25-Northampton Town		2:0	Fox, Tait
OCTOBER				
Wed	4-PETERBOROUGH UNITED		1:0	Rhodes
Wed	11-NOTTINGHAM FOREST		2:0	Gleghorne, Yates
Wed	18-STOCKPORT COUNTY		0:3	
Wed	25-TRAMMERE ROVERS		1:1	Yates
Tue	31-Chesterfield		1:4	Gordon
NOVEMBER				
Wed	15-NORTHAMPTON TOWN LC. Rd.1		4:1	Tait 2, Harris, Burton
Tue	21-Saithrough		1:0	Shepstone
Mon	27-LINCOLN CITY			
Wed	6-HALIFAX TOWN LC Rd.2			
Mon	11-Peterborough United			
Mon	1-Lincoln City			
Wed	18-Bury			
Wed	17-WREXHAM			
Wed	22-League Cup Semi Final			
Tue	30-Walsall			
FEBRUARY				
Wed	7-SHREWSBURY TOWN			
Wed	14-SCARBOROUGH			
Wed	21-HARTLEPOOL UNITED			
MARCH				
Thu	1-Nottigham Forest			
Fri	16-Stockport County			
Wed	21-HALIFAX TOWN			
Wed	28-NORTHAMPTON TOWN			
APRIL				
Tue	3-Wrexham			
Wed	11-CHESTER CITY			
Tue	24-Tranmere Rovers			
Wed	2-Shrewsbury Town			

ALL HOME GAMES ARE PLAYED AT ST ANDREWS GROUND, K.O. 1pm WEDNESDAYS.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Not including games played on Friday 24th November.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers	16	8	7	1	22	11	31
Bury	16	6	6	2	28	17	30
Bristol City	16	9	3	4	21	15	30
Tranmere Rovers	16	8	5	3	34	15	29
Bolton Wanderers	16	9	2	5	33	16	29
Notts County	16	7	7	2	22	14	28
Shrewsbury Town	16	7	6	3	22	16	27
Huddersfield Town	16	7	6	3	25	18	25
Birmingham City	16	7	4	5	25	18	25
Swansea City	16	7	3	6	20	18	24
Blackpool	16	7	3	6	17	24	24
Fulham	16	4	7	5	18	19	19
Reading	16	4	7	5	18	21	19
Preston North End	16	5	8	3	17	31	18
Manfield Town	16	5	3	8	15	20	18
Leyton Orient	16	5	3	8	15	20	18
Northampton Town	16	4	5	7	20	25	17
Walsall	16	4	4	8	14	23	16
Crewe Alexandra	16	3	6	7	18	23	15
Wigan Athletic	16	3	6	7	15	23	15
Cardiff City	16	3	6	7	20	28	15
Brentford	16	3	2	11	17	30	11

DIVISION THREE GATES TO DATE

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Bristol City	17,432	7,132	9,777
Birmingham City	10,834	7,951	8,628
Tranmere Rovers	10,559	4,912	7,120
Preston North End	9,135	5,230	6,724
Bolton Wanderers	7,363	5,524	6,267
Huddersfield Town	7,872	4,973	5,803
Brentford	7,962	4,537	5,717
Tranmere Rovers	6,946	4,450	5,596
Notts County	6,332	4,588	5,311
Bristol Rovers	6,120	4,753	5,226
Leyton Orient	5,817	3,979	4,674
Walsall	5,286	3,469	4,302
Cardiff City	6,372	3,710	4,298
Fulham	4,811	4,221	4,221
Blackpool	5,737	2,512	4,081
Shrewsbury Town	4,927	3,073	4,068
Reading	4,743	3,242	4,008
Swansea City	4,077	2,738	3,522
Crewe Alexandra	4,294	3,333	3,511
Northampton Town	4,005	3,038	3,453
Tranmere Rovers	6,018	2,629	3,304
Bury	3,969	2,821	3,301
Wigan Athletic	3,136	2,019	2,507
Cardiff City	2,950	1,862	2,303

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MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

19-LEICESTER CITY	AUGUST	14	Foy
25-Peterborough United		4:0	Rhodes 2, Dale2
SEPTEMBER			
2-STOKE CITY		2:0	Gray, Francis
9-Nottigham Forest		1:2	Dale
16-WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		2:0	Rhodes, Devereux
23-West Bromwich Albion		3:1	Machine 2, Naylor
30-Manfield Town		3:1	Dale, Francis, Rutherford
OCTOBER			
7-ASTON VILLA		0:2	
14-Coventry City		0:0	
21-NOTTIS COUNTY		0:0	Rhodes, Larkin
28-Port Vale		cancelled	
NOVEMBER			
3-WALSALL KO.1pm		4:1	Rhodes 2,Larkin, Rutherford
11-Shrewsbury Town		2:1	Rhodes, Rutherford
18-CHESTERFIELD		5:1	Dale2, Rutherford, Naylor, Rhodes
25-Derby County			
DECEMBER			
2-Walsall - LC Rd2			
9-DERBY COUNTY			
16-PETERBOROUGH UNITED			
23-Leicester City			Postponed
30-NOTTINGHAM FOREST			
JANUARY			
6-Stoke City			
13-LEAGUE CUP ROUND 2			
20-WEST BROMWICH ALBION			
27-Wolverhampton Wanderers			
FEBRUARY			
3-MANSFIELD TOWN			
10-Aston Villa			
17-LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS			
24-COVENTRY CITY			
MARCH			
3-Notts County			
10-PORT VALE			
17-Walsall			
24-SHREWSBURY TOWN			
31-Chesterfield			

PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE FIXTURES AT ELMDON TRAINING GROUND, K.O. 10.45am. unless otherwise stated.

BOLTON

Wanderers

Today we welcome a side whom we have played frequently in Division One and Two over the years but who currently are strong contenders for promotion, something they will now be concentrating on after last week's F.A.Cup defeat at Blackpool and the exit from the Littlewoods Cup at Swindon Town earlier this week after playing in the longest tie in that competition's history.

Founded in 1874 as Christ Church FC they seemed to play as much rugby as soccer in their early days but they changed their name to the present one in 1877 and settled for soccer. They first entered the F.A.Cup in 1881 and in 1888 they became founder-members of the Football League. They finished fifth in that 12-team league in 1888/89 and a season

later reached the semi-final of the F.A.Cup. 1891/92 saw them third in the League and then in 1893/94 they reached their first F.A.Cup final, going down to Notts County at Fallowfield.

They were relegated for the first time in 1899, but they bounced straight back up again and in 1903/04 though relegated again they again reached the F.A.Cup final, this time going down to Manchester City at the Crystal Palace. They then bobbed between Division One and Two several more times before enjoying a substantial spell in Division One from 1911 to 1933.

It was during this spell that they won the famous first Wembley final, beating West Ham 2-0 in 1923 and they went on to win the F.A.Cup twice more in the next few seasons - in 1926 and 1929. Cornishman Dick

Pym played in all three finals and didn't concede a goal in any of them. They had another brief spell in Division Two in the thirties and then came almost 30 seasons in Division One in which they reached fourth place in 1952/53 the season in which they lost 4-3 to Blackpool at Wembley. They were back there in 1958, this time beating Manchester United to take the trophy for the fourth time.

Nat Lofthouse was still at his peak then as was defender Tommy Banks and in goal diminutive Eddie Hopkinson was displaying England form.

The sixties were rather mediocre with a return to Division Two halfway through and in the early seventies they slipped for two seasons into



Bolton's Mark Carne (right) with Steve Thompson looking on against Swindon Town.

Are Our VISITORS Today

previously uncharted territory, that of Division Three. They spent two seasons back in Division One in the late seventies and until Frank Worthington's move to us in October 1979 they seemed capable of holding their own.

THE LAST TEN SEASONS

They were almost five months without a win after the move, however, and they landed back in Division Two at the end of 1979/80. Stan Anderson, who had succeeded Ian Greaves at the helm, did his best to revive their fortunes, but they finished eighteenth in 1980/81. Then under George Mulhall they were nineteenth a season later before finally slipping to Division Three under John McGovern at the end of 1982/83.

Things did not change for the better as they finished successively 10th, 17th, 18th and 21st in Division Two. Phil Neal had taken over in December 1985, but he did not have immediate success and Wanderers were relegated after going down to Aldershot in the playoffs of May 1987.

The tide was already turning though and Wanderers bounced straight back up again with John Thomas getting 26 goals in 1987/88. Last season they were tenth in Division Three and they enjoyed some great moments in winning the Sherpa Van Trophy with a Wembley victory over Torquay..

WANDERERS THIS SEASON

Wins at Cardiff City, Preston and Brentford, with draws at

Swindon, Crewe and Bristol City have given them an excellent start to this season while at home they are still unbeaten though they have just drawn four games in a row. In the Littlewoods Cup they drew three times with Swindon Town before losing 2-1 to them on Tuesday evening, as they battled for a place in the last sixteen.

Main threat up front is likely to come from **Tony Philiskirk**, a close season signing from Preston with **Ian Stevens** (from Stockport two years ago) in support. **Gary Brown**, who has won a place in the team for the first time this season, has scored several times from midfield where he links up with home-grown **Steve Thompson**, ex-Grimsby man **Gary Henshaw** and **Paul Comative**, who has arrived from Burnley this season. In defence we are likely to be seeing **Dean Crombie**, another former Grimsby man, and tall one-club man **Mark Winstanley** in the centre with **Phil Brown** (ex-Hartlepool and Halifax) and **Barry Cowdrill** (from West Bromwich 18 months ago) on the flanks. England schoolboy international **Julian Darby** is an extra defender currently wearing the number 11 shirt while **Mark Came**, now in his second season, has been substitute recently and scored their goal at Swindon in midweek. In goal **David Felgate** is in the fourth season of his second spell with the club after returning via Lincoln and Grimsby.

MANAGER PHIL NEAL

The ten appearances that Phil Neal made for Bolton last season took his career tally to 915 in League and cup games. He has also scored 94 goals - a remarkable tally for a defender, but it is as a manager intent upon leading his side back towards former glories that he comes here today almost four years after taking over at Burnden Park.

Born in Irchester in 1951 he had considerable experience with Northampton in the lower divisions before Bob Paisley swooped to sign him for Liverpool in November 1974. The cost was just £65,000 and even Liverpool have made few finer signings. He quickly took over the number 2 shirt and in his second season took over from Kevin Keegan as the Liverpool penalty king.

Soon he was netting twice from the spot against Arsenal and he went on to score the clincher in the 1977 European Cup final and again on the penalty shoot out in the 1984 final against AS Roma. His fitness was as impressive as his skill and in ten seasons from 1975 to 1985 he missed only one Football League game for the Reds. He played in no fewer than four European Cup finals for Liverpool and captained them in two of them. He won a total of 50 England caps between 1976 and 1983.

While still holding his own at First Division level he moved to Bolton as player-manager in December 1985 and he proved that he still had much to offer as a player, when as recently as last season he reintroduced himself into the team when possible danger of relegation loomed. It was averted.

Having led his side to promotion from Division Four in 1987/88 he now looks towards a return to Division Two and last week's F.A. Cup defeat at Blackpool may leave him free to concentrate on at least holding on to the Wanderers current position of third in Division Three.

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BOLTON WANDERERS - SEASON 1989/90

Back Row: Dean Crombie; Mark Came; Dave Felgate; Kevin Rose; Gareth Gray; Mark Winstanley; Barry Cowdrill.
Middle Row: Steve Carroll (Youth Coach); Gary Brown; Phil Brown; Julian Darby; David Reeves; Tony Philliskirk; Steve Thompson;
Stuart Storer; Gary Henshaw; Mike Jeffrey; Ewan Simpson (Physio).
Front Row: Ian Stevens; Neil Fisher; Paul Hughes; Nicky Brookman; Mick Brown (First Team Coach); Phil Neal (Manager); Dave Roberts;
Jeff Chandler (now with Cardiff City); Robbie Savage; Nicky Spooner.

DAVE FELGATE - Goalkeeper.

Dave started his career at Bolton as an apprentice but made his League debut while on loan to Rochdale. He was then transferred to Lincoln and made 198 appearances at Sincil Bank before moving onto Grimsby Town. He returned to Bolton in February 1987 after having a loan spell the previous season and has now made over 400 League appearances with 10 of them this term.

KEVIN ROSE - Goalkeeper.

Born in Evesham Kevin signed for Bolton in a £20,000 close season deal from Hereford United. He joined them from Ledbury Town but had previously been sold by the Worcestershire club to Lincoln City for £10,000 but did not make a League appearance. Kevin lost his place at Hereford to our former 'keeper Tony Elliott last season and this term he has made just 4 appearances in Bolton's colours.

PHIL BROWN - Full Back.

Joined Bolton from Halifax Town in a £17,000 transfer deal in June 1988 and Phil was the only outfield player to be ever-present last season and today he has made an appearance in every game this term. He started his League career with Hartlepool where he made over 200 appearances before his move to Halifax where he made another 135. He took over the role of skipper last season when Mark Came was injured. Phil has scored two goals this season.

STEVE THOMPSON - Midfield.

Oldham born Steve is an ever-present this season and has netted two goals, one from the penalty spot. He is Bolton's longest serving professional coming through the youth ranks to make his League debut in November 1982 and has made over 250 appearances in the three divisions (2nd, 3rd & 4th) for the Wanderers.

PAUL COMSTIVE - Forward.

Bolton's latest signing having joined the club in September from Burnley where he had made over 80 appearances and scored 17 goals. He started his career with Blackburn Rovers making a handful of first team games and after a loan spell with Wrexham he moved to Wigan Athletic for 35 appearances and then Wrexham where he topped the 100 appearance mark. He has played in all of Bolton's 11 games since joining them and scored once in a Littlewoods Cup tie.

IAN STEVENS - Forward.

Malta born Ian made his League debut for Preston North End in March 1985 making 11 League appearances before joining Stockport County for a short spell and signed for Bolton in 1987 and made 21 appearances last term scoring 5 goals, although he was top scorer in their reserve side with 20 goals in only 18 appearances. This season he has been restricted to 3 substitute appearances.

PAUL HUGHES - Full Back.

Manchester born Paul has not had a good time for these past two seasons as he has been out with an injury for most of last season and has only made 6 appearances from the substitutes bench this term today. Former captain of the Wanderers Youth side he made his League debut in December 1987 and a total of 11 appearances in the fourth division promotion winning side.

BARRY COWDRILL - Full Back.

Birmingham born Barry made over 100 appearances for West Bromwich Albion after his signing from Sutton Coldfield Town. He joined Bolton in July 1988 and made 38 appearances last season and has been an ever-present this term so far having netted two goals, one league and one cup.

MIKE JEFFREY - Forward.

A young prospect who has only made 5 appearances on the substitute's bench this season having been called on to take the field three times. 18-year-old Mike, who was born in Liverpool, signed professional forms while still a YTS player and made his League debut in March this year.

DAVID REEVES - Forward.

David has scored 6 goals in his 14 appearances this season after joining Bolton in July. He commenced his career with Sheffield Wednesday in 1986 although he made his League debut while on loan to Scunthorpe United in December that year. He joined Burnley on loan in November 1987 and scored on his debut for them, against Bolton, going onto net 8 goals in his 16 games there. He made 17 first division appearances with the Wednesday last season and scored twice in their colours before his move to Burnden Park.

DEAN CROMBIE - Defender.

Scorer of the Wanderers' goal in their defeat at Blackpool last Saturday, Dean began his career at Lincoln where he made 33 appearances before moving to Grimsby Town where he made well over 300 appearances before signing for Bolton in June 1987 and has now made well over 400 appearances in the League. Dean an ever-present this term has scored two goals this season but it was in the Sherpa Van Trophy final at Wembley last season when he netted his first goal for the club.

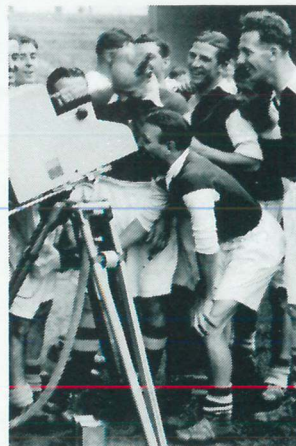
MARK WINSTANLEY - Defender.

Another ever-present so far this season, Mark came through the youth ranks at Burnden Park to become a regular in the side that won promotion from the fourth division in 1988, and was named Player of the Year last season.

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Now every Football League ground is equipped with television cameras.

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PREVIOUS RESULTS

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BOLTON WANDERERS

	Home	Away
Division One.		
1894/95	2-0	2-1
1895/96	1-2	1-4
Division Two.		
1899/1900	0-0	1-1
Division One.		
1901/02	2-0	0-4
1905/06	2-5	1-0
1906/06	4-2	3-2
1907/08	2-1	0-1
Division Two.		
1908/09	2-0	1-2
1910/11	2-1	1-5
Division One.		
1921/22	1-1	2-1
1922/23	2-0	0-3
1923/24	0-3	1-1
1924/25	1-0	0-3
1925/26	0-1	3-5
1926/27	6-1	0-1
1927/28	1-1	2-3
1928/29	0-2	2-6
1929/30	3-1	0-0
1930/31	0-2	0-2
1931/32	2-2	1-5
1932/33	2-1	2-2
1935/36	0-0	0-2
1936/37	1-1	0-0
1937/38	2-0	1-1
1938/39	0-2	0-3
1948/49	0-0	0-0
1949/50	0-0	0-1
1955/56	5-2	0-6
1956/57	0-0	1-3
1957/58	5-1	0-1
1958/59	1-3	0-2
1959/60	2-5	1-4
1960/61	2-2	2-2
1961/62	2-1	2-3
1962/63	2-2	0-0
1963/64	2-1	2-0
Division Two		
1965/66	0-1	2-1
1966/67	2-2	1-3
1967/68	4-0	1-1
1968/69	5-0	0-0
1969/70	2-0	0-2
1970/71	4-0	0-3
Division One		
1978/79	3-0	2-2

We have an excellent record against Bolton here in recent years with five successive wins without conceding a goal, the most recent success being just 11 years ago on November 21st, 1978 when our scorers were Vince Dillon, Alan Buckley and a Paul Jones own goal in a 3-0 success.

STUART STORER - Midfield.

Another player currently out of the Bolton side with an injury. Stuart has however made 10 appearances this term which is added to his 23 for them last term after joining them from Everton in January last season for £25,000. Stuart of course had a brief spell here at St. Andrews, making 8 League appearances after joining us from Mansfield Town before he moved to Everton in a part-exchange deal. He also had a loan spell with Wigan while at Goodison Park.

MARK CAME - Defender.

A broken leg has kept Mark out of the game for practically all of last season and all but 8 of this when he has been named as substitute in 7 of these games before playing in the game at Swindon on Tuesday and scoring their goal. He joined Bolton from non-league Winsford United in 1984 and had made almost 150 appearances before his injury.

JULIAN DARBY - Midfield.

Joined Bolton from school and is currently the only Bolton born player in the first team he made his debut in March 1986 and plays either in midfield or defence. An ever-present this season to date to add to his total last season that was only two short of that ever-present mark. Julian also found the net against Torquay United at Wembley last May and has scored 6 goals this season.

ROBBIE SAVAGE - Full Back.

Robbie is currently out of the side with an injury although he has made 5 appearances and scored once this term to date. He started his career at his native Liverpool but failed to make the first team in his six seasons at Anfield. He made his League debut while on loan at Wrexham and then joined Stoke City. He then joined Bournemouth after 7 appearances for the Potteries club and scored 18 goals for them in 82 League appearances and moved again, this time to Bradford City, but only made a handful of appearances before he was transferred to Bolton in September 1987 for £35,000 and prior to his injury had made just over 80 appearances for them.

GARY HENSHAW - Midfield.

Now in his third season at Burnley after joining them from Grimsby Town he has now made over 100 League appearances but he has only made 6 this term, four of those as substitute and netted one goal in the cup.



TONY PHILLISKIRK

Top of the Bolton scoresheet in his first season at Burnley Park is tall striker Tony Philliskirk, who is already into double figures for the first time in his eight seasons in the Football League.

Born in Sunderland in 1965 he progressed via the Sheffield United junior ranks to make his first team debut in a Third Division game against Brentford in October 1983. A week later he got his first goal with the matchwinner at Plymouth. After two seasons of fairly regular first team duty he had two seasons on the edge of the side and in quest of first team football had a spell on loan to Rotherham in 1986/87.

He won his place back in 1987/88 and netted nine goals before moving to Oldham during the following close season. He scored twice in 13 games for the Latics and then moved to Preston last February, scoring six goals in 14 games.

Bolton then paid £50,000 for his signature during the close season and he has proved to be something of a snip. He netted early in his debut game at Cardiff and his 11 this season have included five in away games, two of these being at Deepdale against his former club Preston.

Tall and enterprising he will need watching today.

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IN TOUCH

with Charlie Bamforth

"What's the halftime score?" asked the telephone caller to Crewe's Gresty Road, anxious to know how his favourites were getting on in their F.A. Cup replay at mighty Tottenham Hotspur.

"6-0" came the muffled reply.

"Who to?" asked the caller!

It was 1960. Minnows Crewe, struggling in the nether regions of the Fourth Division, had done well to hold mighty Spurs before a record 20,000 crowd at their compact ground by the railway sides. But class will cut - and Tottenham duly walloped the upstarts by 13-2 in that replay, with Les Allen notching five, bustling Bobby Smith four and Welsh wonder Cliff Jones a hat trick. A season later Spurs became only the third double winners in history with that incomparable team of all the talents - not least of which was a forceful 26-year-old winghalf from Edinburgh by the name of Mackay.

Tottenham took the trophy to White Hart Lane twice in successive seasons. 1961 saw Leicester City dealt with by Smith and Terry Dyson goals, with no return. A year on and it was then high-flying Burnley's turn to suffer, with Jimmy Robson's goal for the Clarets overshadowed by efforts from Jimmy Greaves and Smith and Danny Blanchflower's penalty.

Glory, glory Hallelujah indeed. Meanwhile for Crewe it was more a case of He Who Would Valiant Be 'Gaint All Disaster. 112 years after their founding the most they have achieved is runners-up slot in the Ford Sporting League the early seventies award for good behaviour on the pitch!

Let us forget it, however, they did reach the semifinals of the Cup - in 1888, when Proud Preston turfed them out 4-0 in a competition featuring such notables as Derby Junction, Old Carthusians and Chirk!

What then, will The Railwaymen make of this season's competition. Surely, with that innovative manager Dario Gradi and his band of spirited youngsters, they have a golden opportunity to make the third round and a date with the big boys. For Crewe have been rewarded for their 2-0 First Round victory over Congleton with another home tie against Bishop Auckland, who you will recall we visited in this column last time around.

The Bishops duly won their neighbourly tussle with Tow Law by two clear goals from Grant and Healey before 1,521 excited spectators, giving the famous old cup fighters a tilt at a League club for the first time for some seasons. I daresay they'll be hoping that one of their forwards is as inspired against Crewe as was Chester's Gary Talbot back in a First Round tie in November 1964. He hit the target three times in as many minutes. Small wonder that he signed for Crewe not long after!

Blues, meanwhile, will be endeavouring to further their designs on this season's competition in their trip to Layer Road. There they may be meeting a side of no great League tradition - highest slot third in Division Three(South) 1957. Indeed they only joined the Brethren in 1950. But Colchester have a history of cup giant killing the equal of most. In 1948, for example, as a Southern League side, they eliminated Wrexham (from the Third Division North). Bradford Park Avenue (Second) and Huddersfield (First) before finally succumbing to a Wembley defeat at the hands of Manchester United.

The U's will be better remembered, though, for their endeavours of 1970/71. In the First Round they overcame Ringmer 3-0, followed by a win over Cambridge United by the same scoreline at the second hurdle. Barnet's aspirations were thwarted next by a single goal, before a 5-0 replay win saw Rochdale consigned to the also-rans at the fourth stage.

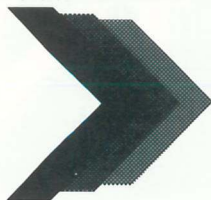
It was then that one of the most popular cup wins of modern times was captured by the television cameras. Leeds United, masters of 'professionalism', too often a synonym for unpleasant tactics both overt and cynical, arrived at Layer Road with a nonetheless highly able team of internationals. Colchester were, literally, not in the same league. Yet who wouldn't believe in the power of good triumphing when one gets scorelines like Colchester 3, Leeds 2.

Just one season earlier, the Yorkshiremen had participated in one of the most memorable finals the F.A. Cup competition has enjoyed. Second placed Leeds were endeavouring to go for a mighty treble. Everton, though, comfortably took away their championship trophy. Celtic crushed their European Cup aspirations in the semifinals. Would the F.A. Cup bring them solace?

The Wembley match finished all square at 2-2, to bring the first replay for half a century. The season finished early that year: (2,000 folk crammed into Old Trafford for the April 29th replay which was still a stalemate after ninety minutes, goals from Peter Osgood for Chelsea and Mick Jones for Leeds. Come the hour, cometh the man: and they didn't come any uglier than David Webb. But most of the football-loving nation could have kissed him when he rose in extra time to nod the winner past David Harvey.

Colchester, meanwhile, had succumbed in the Sixth Round to Everton's five goals. Let's hope another team that play in blue are as successful in a fortnight's time!

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THE LAST WORD

'How many minutes in 5 hours 40 minutes?' is the sort of question that children have wrestled with at school over the years at the time when they moved from Primary to Secondary education around the age of eleven. Even in these days of metrication and National Curriculum it is a problem that they still have to solve and even the most up to date calculator cannot solve it directly for them.

The answer is of course 340 minutes and it represents another major problem for England manager Bobby Robson for it is the length of time since England actually scored a goal. 'Multiply 17 by 90 and share by 3' is another problem that most children could work out. The answer is of course 510 and it represents a greater problem for current England striker Peter Beardsmore for it represents his rate of goalscoring for the national team, namely one goal every 510 minutes.

Gary Lineker's current problem is only marginally smaller for three goals in thirteen games leaves him with an average of one goal every 390 minutes. All this has been happening (or rather not happening) while Republic of Ireland in general and Tony Cascarino in particular have been scoring regularly and John Aldridge after a poor return at international level for some years has discovered something of the scoring touch that has made him such a hot property at club level. Even Ray Houghton operating from midfield for the Irish Republic, has scored more regularly than the England strikers.

It will therefore be particularly interesting to see which of the three 'local' entrants goes furthest in the World Cup finals in Italy. England, who have done everything but score goals, Scotland who

have so often exceeded expectations in getting to the final stages but have then achieved little after getting there, or Republic of Ireland, there for the first time and under the management of an Englishman Jack Charlton, who was actually in the England 1966 World Cup winning team.

Incredibly when that triumph was taking place in 1966 Peter Shilton had already made his Football League debut - and 23 years later he is still a key figure in England's World Cup challenge, the man whose series of clean sheets has been instrumental in getting his country to Italy. It is surely asking too much of a man over 40 to carry such a burden that if he concedes a goal in a game the odds are that his country will lose. There are of course many people, particularly in the Midlands, who feel that the selection of Steve Bull will make all the difference to England's scoring habits. Certainly his record with Wolves is quite phenomenal and his 6 goals in 11 games for England at various levels has much to commend it, but again the whole burden of his country's scoring hopes is surely too great for one man at World Cup final stages level.

One can always hope that another player currently in the England reckoning - and granted all of 13 minutes in the recent game against Italy - David Platt can fit in alongside Bull and thereby put Crewe Alexandra, his former club, in the World Cup match reports, something they will never have experienced before. It could happen, but one suspects it can only happen if the whole England side plays with the determination and directness that Republic of Ireland do. Only then will Bobby Robson get as many of his sums right as Jack Charlton has done.

Matchfacts

BIRMINGHAM CITY Blue and White	v	BOLTON White and Navy
Martin THOMAS	1	Dave FELGATE
Kevin ASHLEY	2	Phil BROWN
John FRAIN	3	Barry COWDRILL
Ian ATKINS	4	Paul COMSTIVE
Ian CLARKSON	5	Dean CROMBIE
Trevor MATTHEWSON	6	Mark WINSTANLEY
Dougie BELL	7	Gary HENSHAW
Dennis BAILEY	8	Steve THOMPSON
Simon STURRIDGE	9	David REEVES
Nigel GLEGHORN	10	Tony PHILLISKIRK
Kevin LANGLEY	11	Julian DARBY
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REFEREE: R.B.GIFFORD
LINESMEN: C.JONES - Red Trim Flag.
J.G.SMITH - Yellow Trim Flag
Reserve linesman - J.W.DRINKWATER

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| E Fulham v Wigan | F Hudd'field v Notts County |
| G Leyton Orient v Mansfield | H Northampton v Brentford |
| I Reading v Bristol City | J Rotherham v Shrewsbury |
| K Charlton v Man City | L Coventry v Norwich |
| M Man Utd v Chelsea | N Notts Forest v Everton |
| O QPR v Millwall | P Sheff Wed v C.Palace |
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OUR REFEREE

Today's referee is Roger Gifford from Llanbradach, Mid Glamorgan. Roger, who commenced refereeing in 1965 progressed to the linesman's list of the Football League in 1976 and was appointed to the referee's list of FIFA and UEFA in 1982. He has refereed in over 30 European Cup and International games to date which has included the 1987 European Cup semi final between Dynamo Kiev and FC Porto.

We hope that together with his colleagues Roger has a pleasant afternoon here at St.Andrews today.

HERE NEXT

Tuesday 12th December 1989.

The game at present is scheduled as the Leyland/Daf Trophy game with Hereford United, but should we require a replay with Colchester United in the FA Cup, this game will take precedent, but either of these games will be a 7.45pm kickoff.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FA Youth Cup Round 2

Coventry City v Blues
 at Highfield Road, Coventry on Monday 4th December, kick off 7.00pm.

Birmingham Senior Cup

Atherstone v Blues
 At Sheepy Road, Atherstone, on Wednesday 29th November, kick off 7.30pm.

Midland Senior League Cup

Blues v Halifax Town.
 At St.Andrews on Wednesday 6th December, kick off 1pm.

Change of Fixture - We are now playing Lincoln City here at St.Andrews on MONDAY 27th November, kick off 1pm instead of the Wednesday.



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